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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OPENING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS

1. IN A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY (REPORTED SEPARATELY) THE AMBASSADOR WAS STRUCK BY MAMBU'S RECOGNITION THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ZAIRIAN BUSINESSES HAD A REAL NEED FOR FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE--ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING THE BUSINESS IN ITS MOST FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS; ACCOUNTING, SUPPLY MANAGEMENT, SALES, ETC. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS HAD PROVIDED SUCH ASSISTANCE. MAMBU WAS INTERESTED AND ASKED FOR A PROPOSAL. HE POINTED OUT THAT OPEZ--THE ZAIRIAN OFFICE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES--COULD ITSELF USE SUCH EXPERTISE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ON CONSULTATION. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AF/C AND AID COULD GATHER THE FACTS ON IESC, AID'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROGRAM, THE POSSIBILITY OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE AMBASSADOR TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE DURING HIS SHORT

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